



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures helped corn for grain harvest progress considerably this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 41 percent last week to 50 percent this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for October 13, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 49 percent of the State, down four percentage points from last week, and 3 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 50 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emerged are at 80 percent complete and 59 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports farmers are busy harvesting corn for grain. Iron County reports most field work is complete. Corn dented and corn mature are at 70 percent complete and 59 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 64 percent complete and corn harvested for grain was 24 percent complete by the end of the week. In Box Elder County, reporters noted that calves were being weaned and readied for auction. An estimated 53 percent of cattle and calves and 55 percent of sheep and lambs have been moved from pasture. Cattle and sheep receiving supplemental feed are at 16 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared to 11 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 46 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 23 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 12 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, compared to 29 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 13 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| 4 th cutting harvested | 50 | 45 | 60 | 82 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Dented | 70 | 64 | 79 | NA |
| Mature | 59 | 54 | 51 | 72 |
| Harvested for grain | 24 | 10 | 38 | NA |
| Harvested for silage..... | 64 | 60 | 69 | NA |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 80 | 71 | 65 | 71 |
| Emerged | 59 | 48 | 50 | 41 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Moved from pasture..... | 53 | 48 | 54 | 72 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 16 | 15 | 29 | NA |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Moved from pasture..... | 55 | 52 | 50 | 69 |
| Receiving supplemental feed..... | 17 | 20 | 19 | NA |

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork | 6.8 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 6.3 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 14 | 19 | -- | 10 |
| Short | 36 | 40 | 41 | 32 |
| Adequate | 50 | 41 | 55 | 56 |
| Surplus..... | -- | -- | 4 | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 20 | 29 | 6 | 11 |
| Short | 35 | 31 | 44 | 34 |
| Adequate | 44 | 40 | 50 | 55 |
| Surplus..... | 1 | -- | -- | -- |

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 5 | NA | NA |
| Poor | 17 | 21 | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 39 | 39 | NA | NA |
| Good | 30 | 34 | NA | NA |
| Excellent | 10 | 1 | NA | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Poor | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Fair..... | 25 | 34 | 21 | 16 |
| Good | 58 | 55 | 69 | 66 |
| Excellent | 14 | 8 | 6 | 16 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 7 | 3 | 15 | 13 |
| Poor | 30 | 25 | 48 | 26 |
| Fair..... | 30 | 30 | 36 | 35 |
| Good | 31 | 40 | 1 | 23 |
| Excellent | 2 | 2 | -- | 3 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | NA | NA | NA |
| Poor | 9 | NA | NA | NA |
| Fair..... | 37 | NA | NA | NA |
| Good | 48 | NA | NA | NA |
| Excellent | 2 | NA | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | 2 | -- |
| Poor | 5 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 24 | 24 | 37 | 25 |
| Good | 65 | 71 | 47 | 61 |
| Excellent | 5 | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | 1 | -- |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Fair..... | 24 | 25 | 43 | 27 |
| Good | 65 | 67 | 45 | 58 |
| Excellent | 10 | 7 | 5 | 11 |

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